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"MAT" ORDERED BY "VIKTOR" TO ASCERTAIN ATTITUDE OF LETROPOLITAN THEOPHILUS TO DECISION OF A SYNOD OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (1945)

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To MAY[KAJ], [1]

Since his return to the United States, Hetropolitan BENJAMIN[VENIAMIN] has been sending to Patriarch ALEXIS[ALEXSIJ] anxious and obscure telegrams about the attitude of Hetropolitan THEOPHILUS PASHKDVSKY[FEOFIL PASHKOVSKIJ] towards the decision of the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church concerning the conditions for uniting THEOPHILUS' Churches with the MOSCON Patriarchy. Hetropolitan HENJAMIN [8 groups unrecovered] sent [D5 by post]

[38 groups unrecoverable]

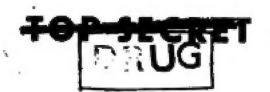
Metropolitan THEOPHILUS, it is necessary to ascertain urgently through the agent network[AGENTURA]:

- The attitude of Metropolitan T. [F.] and his closest supporters to the decision of the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church concerning the conditions for uniting THEOPHILUS' Churches with the MOSCOW Patriarchy.
- 2. [11 groups unrecovered] supporters of THEOFHILES [10 groups unrecovered] been put forward by the Synod of the Russian Church.
- The contents of the report by THEOPHILLS, which he sent recently to Patriarch ALEXES.

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- 4. Between that dates do the supporters of THEOPHILUS intend to hold their council to discuss the MOSCOW conditions?
- 5. The behavious of Metropolitan BENJAMIN and Bishop ALECIS PANTELEEV and the results of the negotiations which have been going on [2 groups unrecovered] about this question.
- 6. [22 groups unrecovered] [31 groups unrecoverable] stopped.

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